

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A support assembly for supporting the weight of a person in a kneeling position, said assembly including:
 - a girdle for selectively positioning around a waist of the person;
 - a pair of elongated supports, each of said supports having an upper end and a lower end, each of a pair of feet being attached to one of said lower ends;
 - a pair of straps, each of said straps being attached to one of said supports for selectively securing each of said supports to one of a pair of legs of the person; and
 - a pair of brackets, each of said brackets being attached to said girdle such that said brackets are positioned on opposite sides of said girdle, each of said upper ends of said supports being pivotally coupled to one of said brackets; and

wherein said girdle is positioned on the person such that the feet are positioned below and in front of each of a pair of knees of the person.
2. The support assembly of claim 1, wherein said girdle includes:
 - an inner belt member being elongated and having central portion, a first end portion and a second end portion, said inner belt member generally forming a loop such that said first and second end portions overlap and an outer surface of said first end portion is adjacent to an inner surface of said second end portion;
 - a metal plate being positioned within said inner belt, said plate being arcuate and generally extending along a length of said central portion;

an outer belt being attached to an outer surface of said central portion, said outer belt having a first end and a second end; and

a coupling assembly being attached to said outer belt and said inner belt for selectively attaching sections of said outer belt adjacent to said first and second ends to said outer surface of said second end portion.

3. The support assembly of claim 2, wherein said girdle further includes a leg receiving member being attached to said outer and inner belts, said leg receiving member including a back wall being integrally coupled to said outer belt and extending along a length of said central portion of said inner belt, said back wall extending downward and having an inner surface having a concave shape such that forward edge is defined, a front wall being attached to and extending between an inner surface of said first end portion and said forward edge, said front wall having a pair of side edges, wherein a space between said side edges and said inner belt defines leg receiving openings.

4. The support assembly of claim 1, wherein each of said supports is selectively telescoping.

5. The support assembly of claim 2, further including each of a pair of fasteners extending through one of said brackets and into said metal plate.

6. The support assembly of claim 1, wherein said girdle further includes a leg receiving member being attached thereto for selectively receiving legs of the person.

7. A support assembly for supporting the weight of a person in a kneeling position, said assembly including:

a girdle for selectively positioning around a waist of the person, said girdle including;

an inner belt member being elongated and having central portion, a first end portion and a second end portion, said inner belt member generally forming a loop such that said first and second end portions overlap and an outer surface of said first end portion is adjacent to an inner surface of said second end portion;

a securing member being attached to said second end portion for selectively securing second end portion to said first end portion;

a metal plate being positioned within said inner belt, said plate being arcuate and generally extending along a length of said central portion;

an outer belt being attached to an outer surface of said central portion, said outer belt having a first end and a second end;

a coupling assembly being attached to said outer belt and said inner belt for selectively attaching sections of said outer belt adjacent to said first and second ends to said outer surface of said second end portion, said coupling assembly including a hook and loop coupling assembly including a first coupler portion attached to said outer surface of said second end portion and a second coupler portion attached to said sections;

a leg receiving member being attached to said outer and inner belts, said leg receiving member including a back wall being integrally coupled to said outer belt and

extending along a length of said central portion of said inner belt, said back wall extending downward and having an inner surface having a concave shape such that forward edge is defined, a front wall being attached to and extending between an inner surface of said first end portion and said forward edge, said front wall having a pair of side edges, wherein a space between said side edges and said inner belt defines leg receiving openings;

a pair of elongated supports, each of said supports having an upper end and a lower end, each of a pair of feet being attached to one of said lower ends, each of said supports being selectively telescoping;

a pair of straps, each of said straps being attached to one of said supports for selectively securing each of said supports to one of a pair of legs of the person; and

a pair of brackets, each of said brackets being attached to said girdle such that said brackets are positioned on opposite sides of said girdle, each of said upper ends of said supports being pivotally coupled to one of said brackets, each of a pair of fasteners extending through one of said brackets and into said metal plate; and

wherein said girdle is positioned on the person such that the feet are positioned below and in front of each of a pair of knees of the person.